

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6210

Dear Representative Schrader:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern regarding the pending decision on Oregon's coastal nonpoint pollution control program. Preventing and reducing coastal nonpoint source pollution, as the coastal nonpoint program is designed to do, is very important to NOAA and EPA. We received numerous public comments, on our proposed finding that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable program. We are carefully considering all input received, including the state's March 20, 2014, submission, before making a final determination on the approvability of Oregon's program. We expect to issue a final decision in about six months.

I appreciate your patience during this process. NOAA and EPA are committed to working with Oregon as it continues to improve its water quality programs. Oregon is a leader in coastal management and we hope it can be a leader in protecting coastal water quality from nonpoint source pollution too. We will keep you informed when we make a final decision and would be happy to arrange a briefing to discuss Oregon's coastal nonpoint program further.

Sincerely,

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